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Re: Direct Exchange of water under E4319, E3100, E3101, and E398

Dear Jared:

In your March 23, 2016 letter you requested a direct exchange of 24,762 AF of primary rights and 57,073 AF of secondary rights from Utah Lake for CUP priority storage in Deer Creek and Jordanelle as approved under exchanges E4319, E3100 and E3101. Additionally, you requested any remaining upstream CUP system storage be converted under E398.

Utah Lake is currently lower for this time of year than every year since the adoption of the Utah Lake Distribution Plan. The distribution plan anticipates drought conditions and provides for operational procedures to protect senior water rights. If dry conditions persist this year it is likely that secondary rights in Utah Lake will have to be cut in accordance with the distribution plan to protect the primary rights. As such, the full quantity requested to be exchanged under E3100 (57,073 AF) may not be available. However, based on the amount of CUP import water in Utah Lake it seems likely that all CUP system storage will be able to convert to priority storage under a combination of the various exchanges.

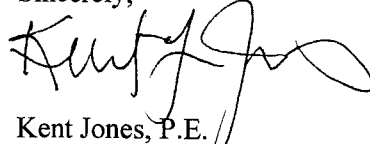
The above exchanges will be implemented this year as follows.

- 1) E4319 and E3101 for a combined quantity of 24,762.4 AF (assuming primary rights are fully satisfied this year) will be immediately implemented to convert CUP system storage in upstream reservoirs to priority storage.
- 2) E3100 will be operated on a daily basis beginning at the start of Utah Lake irrigation season. The daily amount exchanged will be proportionate to the number of days in the irrigation season which, for the purposes of implementing this exchange this year, ends on October 15. E3100 will cease operation the day it is determined secondary rights in Utah Lake are cut off.
- 3) E398 shall operate to convert all CUP system storage not converted under E4319, E3101, and E3100, subject to the amount of CUP import water in Utah Lake.

If you have questions or concerns regarding the implementation of these exchanges, please contact Jared Manning, Assistant State Engineer.



Sincerely,



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Utah State Engineer

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Jared Manning – Assistant State Engineer Field Services
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